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APPLN. OF: KAWAGUCHI et al.

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FOR: Semiconductor Device in which Punchthrough is Prevented

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EXAMINER: WILSON, ALLAN R.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application has been allowed and the issue fee is due October 18, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (d), Applicants request consideration of the following references, which have recently come to Applicants' attention. Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed. A certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e) also accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449. These references were cited in the European Search Report dated June 29, 2005 of the underlying European Patent application. Also Enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report. References JP 2002-289704 cited in the European Search Report, but not included in the enclosed PTO-1449 Form has already been disclosed in the U.S. case. Applicants are not submitting copies of the U.S. Patent references as the Office waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) on July 11,

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2003. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

This information disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a copy of an official search report by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references, the accuracy of the statement of foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of the country of the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign examiner's comments submitted therewith.

The enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of receipt of the European Search Report as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement.

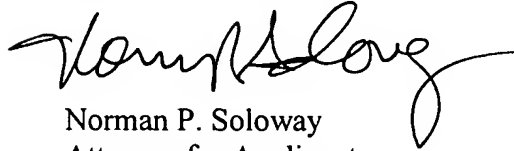
The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing references. Moreover, should the Examiner deem it necessary, he is requested to withdraw the Notice of Allowance, and reopen prosecution.

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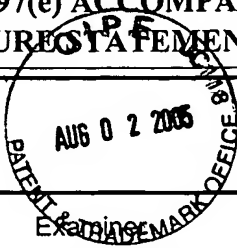
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING  
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Invention: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE IN WHICH PUNCHTHROUGH IS PREVENTED**

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This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

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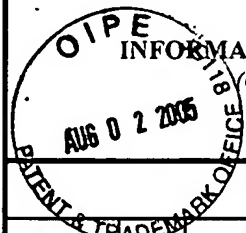
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